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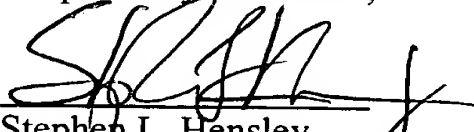
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The listing, and characterization as "art of record," of certain patents in part 4 of the Statement are noted. Among those patents, the earliest effective dates of US 6,444,774, US 6,342,565 and US 5,753,762 are after that of the subject application, and commonly assigned US 6,129,879 and US 5,945,215 were filed the same day as the subject application and derived from a common provisional application. Therefore, none of those patents is prior art to the subject application. This is being noted in case silence with regard to the expression "art of record" in the Statement might be regarded an admission, or basis to infer an admission, that they are prior art.

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